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# Analysis of air temperature dynamics in the "local climate zones" of Novi Sad (Serbia) based on long-term database from an urban meteorological network

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## Abstract

A comprehensive analysis of air temperature ( $T_a$ ) dynamics in "local climate zones" (LCZs) of Novi Sad (Serbia) was based on measurements from 17 stations during 3 years. Hourly changes of  $T_a$ , cooling rates (*CR*), heating rates (*HR*), and urban heat island (UHI) intensity were assessed on seasonal and annual level and during heat wave (HW) and cold wave (CW) periods. Substantial differences are observed for minimum ( $T_{min}$ ) and mean temperatures ( $T_{mean}$ ) between LCZs. Two-phase nocturnal cooling was recognized with the first cooling phase characterized by intensive LCZ dependent cooling starting at 1–3 h before sunset and lasting until 3–4 h after sunset. The second cooling phase lasts until sunrise and is characterized by less intensive and LCZ nondependent cooling. The most intensive cooling ( $CR_{peak}$ ) was observed in first cooling phase of HW and ranged from – 1.6 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in street canyon (LCZ 2) to – 3.9 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in forest (LCZ A). Furthermore, a new cooling indicator ( $CR_{total}$ ) was introduced. Due to cooling differences, the most intensive UHI of 5.5 °C was noticed between LCZs 2 and A at sunset + 1 h during HW. Two-phase diurnal heating was also recognized in LCZs with the first heating phase characterized by intensive LCZ dependent heating starting at sunrise and lasting until 4–7 h afterwards. The most intensive heating ( $HR_{peak}$ ) ranged from 2.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in street canyon to 3.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in industrial area (LCZ 8) during HW. The second heating phase lasts until sunset and is characterized by less intensive heating and smaller *HR* differences between LCZs.

Keywords Urban heat island · Cooling rate · Heating rate · Local climate zone · Urban meteorological network · Mid-sized city

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## Introduction

Climate relevant information for the development of healthy cities can be obtained from urban climate studies that belong to the rapidly growing scientific field (Stewart et al. 2014). Studying temporal and spatial dynamics of air temperature  $(T_a)$  on micro- and local scale can advance the understanding of urban heat island (UHI) phenomenon and the development of UHI mitigation strategies, thus contributing to healthy and comfortable cities.

Urbanization alters land cover, land use, and energy balance leading to the changes in climate of cities (Chow and Svoma 2011). UHI phenomenon is one of the most studied characteristics of urban climate (Arnfield 2003; Stewart 2011) represented by characteristic warmth of the city compared to its surroundings ( $\Delta T_{urban-rural}$ ) (Oke et al. 2017). Substantial  $T_a$ differences can be registered within the city due to heterogeneity of surface materials, building geometry, and amount of vegetation (Konarska et al. 2016; Unger et al. 2018). To address the inadequacies in urban-rural divisions for UHI research, Stewart and Oke (2012) developed the local climate zone (LCZ) classification system. LCZ system enables a climate-based classification of urban and rural measurement sites and their local surroundings ( $10^2$  to  $10^4$  m) for  $T_a$  observations and inter-site comparisons. The system classifies urban and non-urban areas into ten "built" and seven "land cover" LCZs based on their physical properties. By using the LCZ system, UHI intensity (UHII) can be defined as  $T_a$  difference between pairs of LCZs ( $\Delta T_{LCZ X}$  - LCZ y) (Stewart et al. 2014).

LCZ system was previously used to study UHI phenomenon during "ideal days" or on seasonal and annual level (Siu and Hart 2013; Alexander and Mills 2014; Lehnert et al. 2015; Fenner et al. 2014; Unger et al. 2014; Leconte et al. 2015; Leconte et al. 2017; Skarbit et al. 2017; Lehnert et al. 2018; Yang et al. 2018). Furthermore, LCZ system was applied for mapping (Unger et al. 2011; Bechtel and Daneke 2012), development of urban meteorological networks (UMNs) (Lelovics et al. 2014; Šećerov et al. 2015; Caluwaerts et al. 2020), analysis of surface temperatures (Skarbit et al. 2015; Gémes et al. 2016; Geletič et al. 2016a; Geletič et al. 2019; Gholami and Beck 2019), outdoor thermal comfort (Kovács and Németh 2012; Puliafito et al. 2013; Milošević et al. 2016; Unger et al. 2018; Kotharkar et al. 2019), urban climate modeling (Brousse et al. 2016; Geletič et al. 2016b, 2018), and urban planning (Middel et al. 2014; Perera and Emmanuel 2018). This indicates LCZ system applicability in urban climate studies.

Short-term UHI studies continue to prevail due to difficulties in collecting long-term  $T_a$  data. Among the few studies that investigated UHI during one or more years (e.g., Fenner et al. 2014; Skarbit et al. 2017; Unger et al. 2018), UMNs were the common source of data. However, only a limited number of cities have UMNs due to their complex development and maintenance (Chapman et al. 2015).

UHI genesis and development must be considered in a comprehensive analysis of this phenomenon. The UHI develops due to different cooling rates (CR) between urban and rural sites (Holmer et al. 2007), i.e., UHI effect can be noticed when rural cooling is greater than urban cooling (Oke and Maxwell 1975). However, the development of UHI is not a straight-forward process, and it happens in phases (Haeger-Eugensson and Holmer 1999; Holmer et al. 2007). Holmer et al. (2007) distinguished two cooling phases with the sitedependent cooling (phase 1) and site-nondependent cooling (phase 2). Two-phase nocturnal cooling was also observed in Montreal and Vancouver (Oke and Maxwell 1975), Singapore (Chow and Roth 2006), Göteborg (Holmer et al. 2007; Konarska et al. 2016), Adelaide (Erell and Williamson 2007), Seoul (Lee and Baik 2010), Athens (Giannopoulou et al. 2010), Phoenix (Chow and Svoma 2011), Ouagadougou (Holmer et al. 2013), Nancy (Leconte et al. 2017), and Szeged (Skarbit et al. 2017).

Cooling is one feature in the UHI development process, while the other feature is heating. When cooling stops and  $T_a$  increases after sunrise, UHI disappears due to the more intensive heating rates (*HR*) in rural areas than in urban areas. Accordingly, it is important to analyze *HR* changes for a comprehensive UHI research. Although *CR* are more frequently studied (e.g., Oke and East 1971; Oke and Maxwell 1975; Lee 1979; Johnson 1985; Eliasson 1994; Haeger-Eugensson and Holmer 1999; Holmer et al. 2007; Leconte et al. 2017; Skarbit et al. 2017) than *HR*, this study will be one of the few to investigate *HR* in various LCZs (e.g., Skarbit et al. 2017; Gonçalves et al. 2018; Yang et al. 2018; Yang et al. 2019).

The main goal of this study is to perform a comprehensive analysis of urban-natural and intra-urban  $T_a$  dynamics in seven LCZs of midsized Central European city based on 3-year database from UMN of Novi Sad (NSUNET). In order to achieve this goal, several specific objectives are defined:

- Analysis of seasonal and annual *T<sub>a</sub>* in LCZs of Novi Sad. The analysis was also performed for heat wave and cold wave periods.
- Analysis of nocturnal cooling and diurnal heating on seasonal and annual level, and during heat and cold wave in various LCZs.
- Explanation of the genesis and development of hourly UHI in LCZs of a city with temperate continental climate.

## Study area, data, and methods

## Study area and distribution of "local climate zones"

Novi Sad is located in northern Serbia ( $45^{\circ} 15' \text{ N}$ ,  $19^{\circ} 50' \text{ E}$ ) at Pannonian Plain (80-86 m a.s.l.). Two water bodies flow through the city: Danube River and Danube-Tisa-Danube Canal (Fig. 1). South from Danube are the slopes (90-200 m a.s.l.) of low-lying Fruška Gora Mountain. Novi Sad has Cfb temperate climate (Kottek et al. 2006) with the coldest month being January with -0.3 °C and the warmest being July with 21.8 °C. The mean annual precipitation is 623 mm for the period 1949–2015 (Savić et al. 2018). The urbanized area is 112 km<sup>2</sup> with a population of 325,000.

Automated GIS method was applied to delineate LCZ types and to create LCZ map of Novi Sad (see Lelovics et al. 2014) (Fig. 1). The focus was to delineate the most typical built-up and land cover LCZs without further sub-classification. As a result, a sufficiently large LCZs (radius at least 250 m, according to Stewart and Oke 2012) and an easy to understand LCZ map was obtained (Fig. 1). Seven built-up and three land cover LCZs were recognized: compact midrise (LCZ 2), compact low-rise (LCZ 3), open midrise (LCZ 5), open low-rise (LCZ 6), large low-rise (LCZ 8), sparsely built



**Fig. 1** Novi Sad urban zone and its location in Serbia and Europe (upper part of figure); **a** Novi Sad LCZ map with stations locations; and **b** an example of NSUNET station (lower part of figure). Note: Station name

(e.g., 6-1) consists of two numbers: the first number represents LCZ to which the station belongs (in this case it is LCZ 6), and the second number represents the station order in that zone

(LCZ 9), heavy industry (LCZ 10), dense trees (LCZ A), low plants (LCZ D), and water (LCZ G). Downtown is densely built with compact low-rise houses (LCZ 3) and midrise buildings (LCZ 2). Around downtown are residential and commercial areas with midrise buildings set in open green spaces (LCZ 5). Urban sprawl to the north, west, and south is characterized with low-density residential housing (LCZs 6 and 9). In the northern part are located industrial areas with warehouses (LCZ 8) and heavy industry (LCZ 10). Around the city is predominant agricultural area with low plants (e.g., corn, maize) (LCZ D), and north from the city is forested area (LCZ A).

#### Novi Sad urban meteorological network

Novi Sad urban meteorological network (NSUNET) consists of 27 stations in various LCZs. The NSUNET was established in 2014 with twenty-five stations deployed in built-up LCZs and two stations deployed in non-urban LCZs. The main purpose of the NSUNET is to monitor diurnal, seasonal, and annual  $T_a$  and relative humidity (RH) conditions in Novi Sad at local scale (Šećerov et al. 2019). In order to ensure representative sitting of stations in LCZs, each station was placed at least several hundred meters from the LCZ border to which it belongs and at locations which micro-scale environments are representative of the local surroundings. Before stations' deployment, fieldworks were performed to find the locations that fulfilled the technical requirements regarding instruments safety, availability of electricity, and GSM signal. Multiple stations were installed in larger LCZs, while smaller number of stations was installed in smaller LCZs. Figure 1 shows stations' locations, while Table 1 shows station metadata.

NSUNET stations are equipped with  $T_a$  and RH sensors (ChipCap2) in naturally ventilated radiation screens ( $200 \times$ 240 mm). Fully calibrated sensors are obtained from the General Electric Measurement & Control Company with the accuracy of  $T_a$  sensor of  $\pm 0.3$  °C and that of the RH sensor of  $\pm$ 2% (20-80% RH) (Šećerov et al. 2018). The sensors and accompanying equipment were connected to lamp post via 0.5-mlong arms (Fig. 1). Sensors in urban areas are located 4 m above the ground, while in rural areas they are located at 2 m above the ground. These measurement heights are in accordance with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) guidelines (WMO 2008) and the work of Nakamura and Oke (1988) stating that  $T_a$  measured at heights of 3–5 m in urban areas are not very different from those at standard height of 2 m. Stations are activated each minute to perform measurements, and each 10 min they send the averaged 10-min readings to server. Stations use Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) synchronized with the server (Šećerov et al. 2015).

# Data pre-processing and analyzed periods

Raw database included 10-min averages of 1-min  $T_a$  measurements from 27 stations for 3-year period. Due to technical problems (e.g., data transmission, vandalism), stations sometimes did not send data or they sent incorrect data (e.g., abnormally high  $T_a$  due to broken radiation shield). Five stations had over 20% of missing raw data due to the problem with data transfer (weak GSM signal) and were initially excluded from analysis.

Raw  $T_a$  data from the remaining 22 stations was preprocessed to flag outliers and unrealistic measurements. Two-step anomaly detection algorithm was developed and used in this research. The first step of the algorithm represents logical anomaly detection. 

 Table 1
 Typical surface properties of 250-m radius environment around stations for each LCZ (obtained from Lelovics et al. 2016).

 Abbreviations refer to surface properties: HRE, height of roughness elements (m); SVF, sky view factor; BSF, building surface factor; ISF, impervious surface factor; PSF, pervious surface factor; ALB, albedo.

 Note: Low-level photo of representative location in each LCZ is given in the table. Aerial photos of representative stations are obtained from Google Earth Pro for 250-m radius environment around stations (yellow circle)

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Let  $t_i^j$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, 22$  denote observed  $T_a$  in time *i* at station *j*. If  $t_i^j > 50^{\circ}$ C or  $t_i^j < -30^{\circ}$ C, then  $t_i^j$  is an outlier. In other words, temperatures exceeding 50 °C or being lower than  $-30^{\circ}$ C are considered as inaccurate, removed from dataset, and declared as missing values. The second step of the algorithm is the internal dynamic anomaly detection. In this procedure, firstly was tested whether the temperature  $t_i^j$ differs from the temperatures measured 10 min before and after time *i* by more than 3 °C.

That is, if  $|t_i^j - t_{i-1}^j| > 3^{\circ}$ C and  $|t_i^j - t_{i+1}^j| > 3^{\circ}$ C,  $i = 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 22$ , then the measurement  $t_i^j$  was declared as critical point. Then, if  $t_i^j$  is critical point, we analyzed if  $t_i^j$  also differs by more than 3 °C from the observed temperatures of the two nearest stations. The two stations with shortest distances from station *j* were found via haversine formula.

Let  $t_i^{k_1}$  and  $t_i^{k_2}$  denote temperatures measured at time *i* at two closest stations from station *j*.

If  $|t_i^j - \min_{s=1,2} t_i^{k_s}| > 3^\circ C$ , the value  $t_i^j$  is removed from dataset and declared as a missing value (more details in Supplementary 1). After the pre-processing procedure, additional five stations were excluded due to numerous outliers and unrealistic measurements. The final step in the pre-processing procedure was imputation of missing value. We input missing values by means of interpolation only in cases when the gap is no longer than 1 h. In this case, maximum gap was 5 consecutive missing values.

After pre-processing,  $T_a$  from 17 stations located in six built-up and one land cover LCZ was included in statistical analysis: five stations in each of LCZs 5 and 6, three stations in LCZ 2, and one station in each of LCZs 3, 8, 9, and A. Station in LCZ A was selected as reference station because it was deployed in forest outside the urban area. This station represents dense forest on the local scale; however, on the microscale, the trees are approximately 10 m away from the station. Among the selected stations for statistical analysis, missing data was from 0 to 6% (Supplementary 2).

#### Statistical analysis and indices of T<sub>a</sub> dynamics

Hourly  $T_a$  on seasonal and annual level in seven LCZs for 3year period (1 July 2014-31 June 2017) was analyzed. We did not assess seasonality of individual years, yet the focus was on assessing the long-term temperature dynamics (i.e., during 3 years). Seasons are defined by the meteorological calendar: winter (W) (December-February), spring (Sp) (March-May), summer (Su) (June-August), and autumn (Au) (September-November). However, in order to assess the short-term temperature dynamics, the most intensive heat wave (HW) (4 to 15 August 2015) and cold wave (CW) (6 to 12 January 2017) were analyzed. During the HW, average daily wind speeds (v)were low with maximum v < 2.5 m s<sup>-1</sup>. Additionally, days were almost cloudless with average < 2 oktas and one precipitation day (9 mm). CW was characterized with low average v $(<3.5 \text{ m s}^{-1})$ , while the maximum average daily v reached 5.1 m s<sup>-1</sup> on first day of the CW. Days were cloudy with average cloudiness of 6 oktas and with two precipitation days (5.2 mm in total). Data is from Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia.

Average values of mean  $(T_{\text{mean}})$ , maximum  $(T_{\text{max}})$ , and minimum air temperatures  $(T_{\text{min}})$  on seasonal and annual level as well as during extreme temperature periods were calculated.

 $T_{\text{mean}}$  for day d = 7/1/2014, ..., 6/30/2017 and station j = 1, ..., 17 is computed as average value of recorded daily 10-min temperatures  $t_i^j$ ,  $i = 1, ..., n_d^j$  at station j on day d:

$$T_{\text{mean}}^{j,d} = \frac{1}{n_d^j} \sum_{i=1}^{n_d^j} t_i^j,$$

where  $n_d^j$  denotes total number of observations recorded on day *d* at station *j*. Afterwards, daily mean temperature of each LCZ<sub>*i*</sub>, *i* = 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, *A* for day *d* = 7/1/2014, ..., 6/30/2017 is computed by taking the average value of daily mean temperatures  $T_{\text{mean}}^{j,d}$  of stations *j* belonging to corresponding local climate zone *i*:

$$T_{\text{mean}}^{i,d} = \frac{1}{|\text{LCZ}_i|} \sum_{j \in \text{LCZ}_i} T_{\text{mean}}^j$$

where  $LCZ_i$  denotes set of all indices of stations belonging to  $LCZ_i$ .

 $T_{\text{max}}$  and  $T_{\text{min}}$  are obtained in the same way taking maximum and minimum values instead of the average value, respectively.

Afterwards, UHII was assessed by comparing  $T_{\text{mean}}$  of built-up LCZs with  $T_{\text{mean}}$  of LCZ A ( $\Delta T_{\text{LCZ X}-\text{LCZ A}}$ ) in order to quantify the urban-natural temperature differences. Also, UHII between built-up LCZs ( $\Delta T_{\text{LCZ X}-\text{LCZ Y}}$ ) was assessed in order to quantify intra-urban temperature differences. Standard deviation (*SD*) of  $T_{\text{mean}}$  was also calculated in order to present how variable are the values within a LCZ.

 $T_a$  and UHI dynamics were further analyzed by calculating mean hourly *CR* and *HR*, i.e., hourly  $T_{\text{mean}}$  decrease or increase over time using following formulas:

$$CR = \frac{\text{Tmean}}{t}$$
 and  $HR = \frac{\text{Tmean}}{t}$ .

where  $T_{\text{mean}}$  is air temperature (°C) and t is time.

For *CR* analysis, cooling indicators representing the maximum (*CR*<sub>peak</sub>) and mean cooling rates (*CR*<sub>mean</sub>) were calculated for two cooling phases. These indicators were previously used by Konarska et al. (2016). Additionally, one new cooling indicator was defined and named *total cooling rate* (*CR*<sub>total</sub>) representing the sum of hourly *CR*<sub>mean</sub> in each LCZ during cooling phases. The maximum, mean, and total *HR* during the two-phase heating period was also calculated and named *HR*<sub>peak</sub>, *HR*<sub>mean</sub>, and *HR*<sub>total</sub>, respectively.

#### **Results**

## $T_a$ in LCZs

Annual and seasonal  $T_a$  vary between LCZs with larger  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{mean}$  differences and smaller  $T_{max}$  differences between the classes (Table 2).

The highest  $T_{min}$  are observed in compact midrise LCZ 2, followed by open midrise LCZ 5. On the contrary, the lowest  $T_{min}$  are observed in LCZ A, followed by LCZ 9. This is the

case for all temporal scales, i.e., from annual, seasonal, to HW and CW. The largest seasonal urban-natural  $T_{\rm min}$  difference of 3.1 °C is observed between LCZs 2 and A in spring. Inside the city, seasonal  $T_{\rm min}$  differences are smaller, yet they can reach up to 2.0 °C between dissimilar LCZs 2 and 9 in summer. The largest  $T_{\rm min}$  differences are noticed during CW when the street canyon in LCZ 2 registered 5.4 °C higher  $T_{\rm min}$  than forest in LCZ A. During HW, the largest  $T_{\rm min}$  differences are still noticed between the same zones, yet the difference is lower ( $\Delta T_{\rm LCZ}$  <sub>2</sub> - LCZ <sub>A</sub> = 4.7 °C). Inside the city, the largest  $T_{\rm min}$  differences occurred between LCZs 2 and 9 reaching 2.7 °C during both HW and CW (Table 2).

For  $T_{\text{mean}}$ , the highest values are noticed in midrise LCZs 2 and 5, followed by the low-rise LCZs 3 and 8. Contrarily, the lowest  $T_{\text{mean}}$  are noticed in LCZ A, followed by LCZs 9 and 6. The largest seasonal  $T_{\text{mean}}$  differences occurred between LCZs 2 and A in summer (2.0 °C). Inside the city, the largest seasonal  $T_{\text{mean}}$  differences of up to 0.9 °C were registered between LCZs 2 and 9 in spring and summer. During HW and CW, the  $T_{\text{mean}}$ differences were more pronounced and ranged from 2.1 °C during CW to 3.0 °C during HW between LCZs 2 and A. Inside the city,  $T_{\text{mean}}$  differences were smaller and reached 1.3 °C between LCZs 2 and 9 during HW and CW (Table 2).

No clear trend was detected for  $T_{\text{max}}$  differences between LCZs. It was noticed that the highest values are generally registered in low-rise LCZ 8, while the lowest are generally registered in LCZ A. However,  $T_{\text{max}}$  differences are rather small between the LCZs (Table 2).

Additional analysis was performed for *SD* of hourly  $T_{mean}$  between LCZs (Supplementary 3). The analysis revealed small *SD* differences between LCZs with the highest *SD* generally

registered in LCZs A and 8, and the lowest in LCZ 2. The differences in *SD* were higher during HW and CW then during seasons.

#### Cooling and heating rates in LCZs

#### Two-phase nocturnal cooling

Two-phase nocturnal cooling was observed in all LCZs on annual and seasonal level, and during HW and CW (Fig. 2, Supplementary 4). However, substantial cooling differences are observed between the zones.

The first cooling phase (phase 1) starts at 1-2 h before sunset in all seasons and during CW, while in summer and during HW it starts 1 h later. This phase lasts 6–7 h and ends at 3–4 h after sunset (Fig. 2 and Supplementary 4). The main features of the first cooling phase are *LCZ dependent and intensive cooling with substantial CR differences between majorities of LCZs*. These results are based on the comprehensive analysis of three *CR* indicators: *CR*<sub>peak</sub>, *CR*<sub>mean</sub>, and *CR*<sub>total</sub>.

The most intensive  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  of  $-3.9 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  was observed at LCZ A during HW (Fig. 2b, Supplementary 5). On the contrary, the least intensive  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  of  $-1.6 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  was observed in LCZ 2. In between are  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  in other LCZs that ranged from  $-2.1 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  in LCZ 5 to  $-3.0 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  in LCZ 6 (Supplementary 5). On seasonal level, a similar situation is noticed with the most intensive  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  of  $-2.8 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  in LCZ A and the least intensive  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  of  $-1.5 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  in LCZs 2 and 5 during summer (Fig. 2a). It was also noticed that the highest  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  are registered between sunset +2 h in all LCZs (Fig. 2).

**Table 2** Average minimum  $(T_{\min})$ , mean  $(T_{mean})$ , and maximum  $(T_{max})$   $T_a$  (°C) in LCZs on seasonal and annual level, and during HW and CW. Note: Red colors, the highest  $T_a$ ; green colors, the lowest  $T_a$ 

Air temperature		LCZ class							Max urban-natural Max intra-urban	
( <i>T</i> <sub>a</sub> , °C)									difference (°C)	difference (°C)
		2	3	5	6	8	9	Α	$\Delta T_{LCZ X-LCZ Y}$	$\Delta T_{LCZ X-LCZ Y}$
	Winter	1.1	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-1.6	2.7 <sub>LCZ2-A</sub>	1.4 LCZ2-9
	Spring	9.7	8.5	9.3	8.3	9.0	7.8	6.6	3.1 <sub>LCZ2-A</sub>	1.9 <sub>LCZ2-9</sub>
$T_{min}$	Summer	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.4	18.0	16.8	15.9	2.9 LCZ2-A	2.0 LCZ2-9
	Autumn	10.2	9.1	9.8	9.0	9.0	8.6	7.5	2.7 LCZ2-A	1.6 LCZ2-9
	Annual	10.0	8.8	9.4	8.7	9.0	8.2	7.1	2.9 <sub>LCZ2-A</sub>	1.8 LCZ2-9
	Heat wave	22.7	20.9	21.8	20.7	21.1	20.0	18.0	4.7 <sub>LCZ2-A</sub>	2.7 LCZ2-9
	Cold wave	-10.8	-11.3	-11.3	-11.9	-12.4	-13.5	-16.2	5.4 <sub>LCZ2-A</sub>	2.7 LCZ2-9
	Winter	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.0	1.6 <sub>LCZ2-A</sub>	0.9 <sub>LCZ2-9</sub>
	Spring	15	14.7	14.9	14.6	15.1	14.2	13.4	1.7 LCZ 8-A	0.9 <sub>LCZ 8-9</sub>
$T_{mean}$	Summer	24.1	23.8	23.9	23.5	23.9	23.2	22.1	2.0 LCZ 2-A	0.9 <sub>LCZ 2-9</sub>
	Autumn	13.8	13.6	13.6	13.3	13.3	13.2	12.2	1.6 LCZ 2-A	0.6 LCZ 2-9
	Annual	14.4	14.2	14.3	13.9	13.7	13.7	12.7	1.7 LCZ 2-A	0.7 LCZ 2 - 8,9
	Heat wave	29.0	28.4	28.7	28.2	28.5	27.7	26.0	3.0 LCZ 2-A	1.3 LCZ 2-9
	Cold wave	-7.7	-7.9	-7.9	-8.1	-8.4	-9.0	-9.8	2.1 LCZ 2-A	1.3 LCZ 2-9
	Winter	7.3	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.0	6.9	0.6 LCZ3,6-A	0.5 LCZ3,6-9
T <sub>max</sub>	Spring	19.5	19.7	19.5	19.7	20.1	19.5	19.4	0.7 <sub>LCZ8-A</sub>	0.6 LCZ 8-9
	Summer	29.8	29.9	29.5	29.8	30.2	29.4	29.6	0.6 <sub>LCZ8-A</sub>	0.8 LCZ 8-9
	Autumn	18.2	18.6	18.2	18.5	18.5	18.4	18.0	0.6 <sub>LCZ3-A</sub>	0.4 LCZ 3-2,5
	Annual	18.7	18.9	18.6	18.8	19.1	18.6	18.5	0.6 <sub>LCZ8-A</sub>	0.5 LCZ 8-5,9
	Heat wave	36.3	36.1	35.7	36.3	36.4	35.6	36.4	0.0 <sub>LCZ8-A</sub>	0.8 LCZ8-9
	Cold wave	-4.9	-4.9	-4.9	-4.9	-5.0	-5.3	-5.5	0.6 LCZ2,3,5,6-A	0.4 LCZ2,3,5,6-9

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**Fig. 2** Two-phase nocturnal cooling (°C h<sup>-1</sup>) and two-phase diurnal heating (°C h<sup>-1</sup>) in LCZs of Novi Sad (Serbia) during **a** summer, **b** heat wave, and **c** winter

 $CR_{mean}$  varied slightly between LCZs with noticed increase from LCZ 2 towards LCZs 5 and 8, followed by LCZs 3, 6, and 9, and reaching the highest values in LCZ A (Supplementary 5).

The most noticeable cooling differences between LCZs were observed when analyzing their total cooling ( $CR_{total}$ ). The largest  $CR_{total}$  was observed outside the city (at LCZ A) during cooling phase 1 of the HW and reached – 13.5 °C. On the contrary, the lowest  $CR_{total}$  was observed inside an urban canyon (LCZ 2) and reached – 8.1 °C. Other zones had  $CR_{total}$  ranging from – 8.5 °C (LCZ 5) to – 10.7 °C (LCZ 6) (Fig. 3, Supplementary 5).

The second cooling phase (phase 2) starts at 4–5 h after sunset and ends at sunrise in all LCZs during the investigated periods. However, the duration of this phase varies between the seasons (6–7 h in warmer seasons, 10–11 h in colder seasons) due to the different night length. The main features of the second cooling phase are *LCZ nondependent* and less intensive cooling with smaller CR differences between LCZs.

The *CR* differences between the zones are small on seasonal and annual level, while they slightly increase during HW (Fig. 3, Supplementary 5). Generally, it was observed that the cooling is gradually decreasing through the night until the sunrise (Fig. 2).

#### Two-phase diurnal heating

Two-phase diurnal heating was generally noticed in all LCZs during all investigated periods (Fig. 2, Supplementary 4). Furthermore, different HR are observed between LCZs.

The first heating phase (phase 1) starts at sunrise and lasts from 4 to 5 h during colder seasons to 6 to 7 h during warmer seasons. The main features of the first heating phase are *LCZ dependent and intensive heating with substantial HR differences between majorities of LCZs*.

The most intensive heating ( $HR_{peak}$ ) of 3.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> was observed in large low-rise zone (LCZ 8) during HW. At the same time, the least intensive  $HR_{peak}$  of 2.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> was observed in urban street canyon (LCZ 2). Other built-up zones heated up at rates between 2.4 °C h<sup>-1</sup>(LCZs 5 and 6) and 2.9 °C h<sup>-1</sup> (LCZ 3), while  $HR_{peak}$  reached 2.8 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in natural LCZ A (Supplementary 6). The most intensive heating on seasonal level was observed in LCZ A and in low-rise LCZs 3 and 8, while the least intensive heating was observed in LCZ 2. The most intensive seasonal  $HR_{peak}$  reached 2 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in LCZ A (in spring) and in LCZ 3 (in summer). On the contrary, the least intensive summer  $HR_{peak}$  was observed in LCZ 2 (1.4 °C h<sup>-1</sup>) (Fig. 4, Supplementary 6).

The smallest differences in HR were observed when comparing  $HR_{\text{mean}}$  between the zones. However, a clear tendency is noticed with the highest  $HR_{\text{mean}}$  observed in LCZ A and the lowest  $HR_{\text{mean}}$  observed in LCZ 2. Seasonal and annual  $HR_{\text{mean}}$  differences between these zones were approximately 0.4–0.5 °C h<sup>-1</sup>, and they slightly increased during CW and HW period (Supplementary 6).

The most noticeable heating differences between the majority of LCZs were observed when analyzing their total heating ( $HR_{total}$ ). The highest  $HR_{total}$  was observed outside the city (LCZ A) during heating phase 1 of HW and reached 11.6 °C h<sup>-1</sup>. At the same time, the lowest  $HR_{total}$  was observed in urban street canyon (LCZ 2) and reached 7.5 °C h<sup>-1</sup>. Other built-up zones had HR<sub>total</sub> from 9.7 °C h<sup>-1</sup> (LCZ 5) to 11.2 °C h<sup>-1</sup> (LCZs 3 and 9) (Fig. 4, Supplementary 6). In general, a clear trend can be detected with the smallest

**Fig. 3**  $CR_{\text{peak}}$  (**a**, **b**),  $CR_{\text{mean}}$  (**c**, **d**), and  $CR_{\text{total}}$  (**e**, **f**) during cooling phase 1 and phase 2 in LCZs of Novi Sad on seasonal, annual level, and during HW and CW. Note: Values on *y*-axis are the same for phase 1 and phase 2 to visually better represent the substantial differences in *CR* between phases

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■LCZ 2 ■LCZ 3 ■LCZ 5 ■LCZ 6 ■LCZ 8 ■LCZ 9 ■LCZ A

 $HR_{total}$  registered in compact street canyons of LCZ 2, followed by higher  $HR_{total}$  in open midrise LCZ 5 and low-rise LCZs 3, 6, and 8, with the highest  $HR_{total}$  registered in sparsely built LCZ 9 and in LCZ A outside the city.

The second heating phase (phase 2) starts at 5–6 h after sunrise during colder seasons and at 7–8 h during warmer seasons. This heating phase duration varies between the seasons and lasts until sunset. Main features of the second heating phase are *LCZ nondependent and less intensive heating with smaller HR differences between LCZs*.

Differences in heating indicators ( $HR_{peak}$ ,  $HR_{mean}$ , and  $HR_{total}$ ) are small between LCZs during phase 2 on seasonal and annual level, while they slightly increase for  $HR_{total}$ during HW (Fig. 4, Supplementary 6). The highest  $HR_{total}$ was observed in LCZ 2 which stands in contrast to heating phase 1 when this zone had the lowest total heating (Supplementary 6).

## UHI genesis and hourly dynamics

UHI genesis and hourly dynamics of  $T_{\text{mean}}$  in the LCZs of Novi Sad are analyzed. For this purpose, hourly temperatures in six built-up LCZs are compared to temperatures in natural LCZ A in order to reveal UHI intensities ( $\Delta$ UHII =  $T_{\text{meanLCZX}} - T_{\text{meanLCZA}}$ ).

Following sunrise, hourly  $T_{\text{mean}}$  starts to increase and to converge towards similar values in LCZs (Fig. 5). Nevertheless, the highest daytime hourly  $T_{\text{mean}}$  were observed in low-rise LCZs 3 and 6, while the lowest  $T_{\text{mean}}$ were observed in LCZs A and 9. At 1-2 h before sunset, temperature in natural LCZ A starts to substantially differ from built-up LCZs, while the temperature differences between the built-up zones remain small (Fig. 5). As the night progresses, a clear inter-class LCZ pattern is noticed with the highest temperatures in urban street canyons of LCZ 2 and the lowest temperatures in natural LCZ A. Furthermore, it is generally noticed that the second warmest class is LCZ 5 and the second coldest is LCZ 9 during the nighttime period. Interesting nighttime temperature dynamics occur between low-rise LCZs. In winter and autumn, similar nighttime temperatures are noticed between low-rise LCZs 3, 6, and 8. However, this is not the case in spring and summer nighttime when temperatures in large low-rise LCZ 8 are more similar to temperatures in open midrise LCZ 5 and less similar to temperatures in other low-rise LCZs (Fig. 5).

**Fig. 4**  $HR_{peak}$  (**a**, **b**),  $HR_{mean}$  (**c**, **d**), and  $HR_{total}$  (**e**, **f**) during phase 1 and phase 2 of diurnal heating in LCZs of Novi Sad on seasonal, annual level, and during HW and CW. Note: Values on *y*-axis are the same for phase 1 and phase 2 to visually better represent the substantial differences in *HR* between phases

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The development of noticeable UHI starts at 1-3 h before sunset and reaches its highest intensity at sunset or between sunset and 3 h afterwards. This represents the UHI "cliff" due to its visual appearance of UHII line rising sharply and almost vertical during all investigated periods (Fig. 5). The most intensive UHI "peak" of 5.5 °C (4.1 °C) was noticed in urban street canyon (LCZ 2) during HW (CW) (Fig. 5, Supplementary 7). On seasonal level, the most intensive UHI "peak" of 3.9 °C is noticed in LCZ 2 during summer, while in winter it decreased to 2.1 °C. The second highest UHI "peak" is observed in LCZ 5 during colder seasons and in LCZ 8 during warmer seasons. UHI intensity is decreasing towards the low-rise LCZs 3 and 6 and reaches the smallest value in sparsely built LCZ 9.

A nocturnal UHI "plateau" can be observed during 10– 12 h in all built-up zones (Fig. 5, Supplementary 7). Furthermore, it was noticed that the UHI "plateau" is stable in colder seasons, while it slowly decreases towards the sunrise in warmer seasons and during HW and CW. Following sunrise, the UHI "plateau" quickly vanishes, and UHI intensity sharply decreases to <1 °C (Fig. 5). The fastest UHI intensity decrease is observed in LCZs 2 and 8 due to the lowest heating rates in these zones. As the day progresses, the UHI intensities increase again in the afternoon towards the sunset due to higher heating rates in urban area when compared to the forest of LCZ A.

Additional analysis of the daytime and nighttime mean UHI intensity revealed a clear annual trend with nocturnal UHII decrease in the following order: LCZ 2 > LCZ 5 > LCZ 8 > LCZ 3 > LCZ 6 > LCZ 9. For example, the annual mean nocturnal UHII ranged from 1.1 °C (LCZ 9) to 2.6 °C (LCZ 2) (Table 3). Urban street canyons of LCZ 2 also show the highest seasonal nocturnal mean UHII with maximum value of 3.5 °C in summer and minimum value of 2.1 °C in winter (Table 3). During daytime, the most intensive mean UHI is observed in compact low-rise (LCZ 3) with the highest UHII in summer (1.4 °C) and during HW (1.7 °C) (Table 3).

## Discussion

Results showed that the majority of LCZs have distinct  $T_a$ . The largest differences occur between LCZs 2 and A during extreme temperature events and in warmer seasons. Inside the city, temperature differences are pronounced between dissimilar LCZs (e.g., LCZ 2 and 6) while negligible between similar LCZs (e.g., LCZs 3 and 6). Annual  $T_{\text{mean}}$  differences between LCZs 2 and A reach 1.7 °C (Table 2) with smaller annual

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Fig. 5 Hourly changes in  $T_{\text{mean}}$  (°C) (left) and UHIIs (right) in LCZs during **a** summer, **b** heat wave, and **c** winter

differences obtained between urban and non-urban LCZs in Berlin ( $\Delta T_{\text{LCZ5-LCZ B}} = 1.5 \text{ °C}$ ; Fenner et al. 2014) and Szeged ( $\Delta T_{\text{LCZ2-LCZ D}} = 0.9 \text{ °C}$ ; Skarbit et al. 2017). This is no

surprise, as the representative station for non-urban areas in Novi Sad is in LCZ A, while non-urban station for Berlin and Szeged is in LCZ B and LCZ D, respectively.

LCZ			2	3	5	6	8	9
UHII <sub>mean</sub>		Winter	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.3
		Spring	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.4
	Daytime	Summer	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8
		Autumn	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6
		Annual	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.5
		Heat wave	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.1
		Cold wave	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.2
		Winter	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.3	0.9
		Spring	2.7	1.7	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.2
		Summer	3.5	2.2	2.8	2.0	2.8	1.6
	Nighttime	Autumn	2.5	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.1
		Annual	2.6	1.7	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.1
		Heat wave	5.1	3.2	4.1	2.9	3.8	2.6
		Cold wave	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.1

Table 3 Daytime and nighttime mean UHII in built LCZs of Novi Sad on seasonal and annual level, and during HW and CW period

The two-phase nocturnal cooling was observed in LCZs. The cooling is more intensive and varies between majority of LCZs during the first cooling phase, while cooling is smaller and similar between LCZs during the second cooling phase. The most intensive cooling is observed in more vegetated and open LCZs A and 9, while the least intensive cooling is observed in more urbanized LCZs 2 and 5. The maximum seasonal CR<sub>neak</sub> in phase 1 ranged from - 1.5 °C in LCZ 2 to - 2.8 °C in LCZ A in summer. This is in accordance with summer CRpeak obtained in urban (rural) areas of temperate cities: -1 °C h<sup>-1</sup> (-2.8 °C h<sup>-1</sup>) in Montreal and -1.5 °C h<sup>-1</sup>(3 °C h<sup>-1</sup>) in Vancouver (Oke and Maxwell 1975);  $-1.8 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  in Mexico City (Jauregui 1986); -1.2 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in Göteborg (Holmer et al. 2007) and in LCZs 2 and 5 in Nancy (Leconte et al. 2017); and between -1 °C h<sup>-1</sup> and -2 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in LCZs of Szeged (Skarbit et al. 2017). More intensive CRpeak was observed in Phoenix, ranging from -2.2 to °C h<sup>-1</sup> -4.9 °C h<sup>-1</sup> (Chow and Svoma 2011) and in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) ranging from - 1.9 to  $^{\circ}$ C h<sup>-1</sup> – 5.8  $^{\circ}$ C h<sup>-1</sup> (Holmer et al. 2013). In Novi Sad, similarly intensive CRpeak were only obtained during HW ranging from -1.6 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in LCZ 2 to -3.9 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in LCZ A. Similar  $CR_{\text{neak}}$ , ranging from -1.5 °C h<sup>-1</sup> to -3.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup>, was observed at urban sites in Adelaide during summer nights (Erell and Williamson 2007).  $CR_{total}$ , as a new cooling indicator, showed to be the most important indicator of varying cooling signals between LCZs. For example,  $CR_{\text{total}}$  ranged from  $-8.1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ }^{-1}$  to  $-10.7 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ }^{-1}$ between urban LCZs, while it reached  $-13.5 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  in natural LCZ A during the first cooling phase of HW. An influence of heat accumulation between the start and end of the HW was also noticed, which resulted in more intense CR in LCZs during the second half of the HW. The most noticeable example is LCZ A with daily  $CR_{peak}$  ranging from -3.4 °C h<sup>-1</sup> to -4.3 °C h<sup>-1</sup> during the first half of HW, and from -4.7 °C h<sup>-1</sup> to - $6.4 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  during the second half of HW. The cooling differences between LCZs were small during phase 2 (<-0.5 °C h<sup>-1</sup> for  $CR_{peak}$  and  $CR_{mean}$ ), with similar differences obtained in Göteborg (<-0.6 °C h<sup>-1</sup>) (Holmer et al. 2007) and in Nancy  $(<-0.6 \text{ °C h}^{-1})$  (Leconte et al. 2017).

In this study, a general two-phase diurnal heating pattern was noticed. The first heating phase is characterized with intensive LCZ dependent heating with the most intensive  $HR_{peak}$  of 3.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> in LCZ 8 during HW. At the same time, the least intensive  $HR_{peak}$  of 2.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> was observed in LCZ 2. In general, it was noticed that HR are dependent on the LCZ with the highest values observed in natural, sparsely built and low-rise areas, while the lowest HR were observed in midrise LCZs 2 and 5 during the first heating phase. For example, the results for Szeged also showed that natural and sparsely built LCZs are warming more rapidly than densely built-up LCZs 2 and 3 (Skarbit et al. 2017). Additionally, Yang et al. (2018) noticed that the warming rates of the open vegetated LCZs (9<sub>5</sub>, D, and A) were significantly larger than in urbanized LCZs in Nanjing (China). Gonçalves et al. (2018) also noticed that the rural warming was more intensive than the urban warming inside the LCZs of Bragança (Portugal). The *HR* are smaller during the second heating phase, yet an interesting pattern was noticed: the highest *HR* were observed in street canyons of LCZ 2, while lower *HR* were observed in more open LCZs 3 and 5, and in natural LCZ A. Yang et al. (2019) also reported that the urban area had higher *HR* than rural areas during midday and in early afternoon hours, while the opposite was during the morning hours in Changchun (China).

The most intensive UHImean was observed between LCZs 2 and A during the nocturnal hours in summer ( $\Delta T_{LCZ2-A}$  = 3.5 °C) and HW ( $\Delta T_{LCZ2-A} = 5.1$  °C) due to more intensive cooling in natural areas and less intensive cooling in urban area. Similar 3-4 °C differences were observed between LCZs 2 and D in Szeged (Skarbit et al. 2017), Nanjing (Yang et al. 2018), Nagano and Uppsala (Stewart et al. 2014), Dublin (Alexander and Mills 2014), and Nancy (Leconte et al. 2015). The absolute maximum hourly  $T_a$  differences between built-up LCZs and LCZ A in Novi Sad reached 8 °C in LCZs 2 and 3, followed by 7 °C in LCZs 5 and 8, and 5.5 °C in LCZs 6 and 9 during the nocturnal period of HW. Similar maximum hourly  $T_a$  differences are noticed between LCZs 2 and D with 8 °C difference in Nanjing (Yang et al. 2018), 6 °C in Szeged (Unger et al. 2014) and Uppsala (Stewart 2011), and 5 °C in Dublin (Alexander and Mills 2014). At sunrise, UHII swiftly decreases to <1 °C due to higher warming in natural areas and lower warming in city.

 $T_a$  differences between the stations belonging to the same LCZ were also checked. This was done for LCZs 2, 5, and 6 having 3, 5, and 5 stations, respectively. The results showed that  $T_{\text{mean}}$  differences between stations belonging to the same LCZ are in most cases negligible with differences < 0.5 °C. Only at one station in each of LCZs 2, 5, and 6, the intra-class thermal differences sometimes exceed 0.5 °C, yet they are always < 1 °C. These small temperature differences among the stations belonging to the same LCZ are likely due to microscale characteristics (e.g., exposure, surface cover; Skarbit et al. 2017), and they indicate that the LCZs of Novi Sad have distinct local climate characteristics. Finally, the present study did not analyze the potential influence of local wind and water sources (e.g., Danube River) on the obtained results.

## Conclusion

The long-term  $T_a$  analysis revealed that the highest temperatures during nighttime were noticed in urban street canyon in LCZ 2, while the highest temperatures during daytime were noticed in more open, low-rise LCZs 8 and 3. The lowest temperatures were registered in vegetated area outside the city represented by the forest in LCZ A. Seasonal urban-natural differences in  $T_{min}$  can reach 3 °C, while intra-urban differences can reach 2.0 °C. Interestingly, the largest differences were observed during CW when street canyon in LCZ 2 had 5.4 °C higher  $T_{\rm min}$  compared to the forest in LCZ A; during HW, the maximum  $T_{\rm min}$  difference is also between these zones, yet smaller (4.7 °C).

Two-phase nocturnal cooling and two-phase diurnal heating were recognized in LCZs during all investigated periods. The first cooling phase starts at 1-3 h before sunset and lasts until 3-4 h after sunset, and is characterized by LCZ dependent and intensive cooling. The second cooling phase lasts until sunrise and is characterized by LCZ nondependent and less intensive cooling. The most intensive cooling was observed in LCZ A with  $CR_{peak}$  of  $-3.9 \text{ °C h}^{-1}$  and  $CR_{total}$ of -13.5 °C during first cooling phase of HW. The most urbanized areas (LCZs 2 and 5) had the least intensive cooling. After sunrise, the first heating phase starts and is characterized with intensive LCZ dependent heating with higher HR in natural and low-rise areas and smaller heating in more compact and densely built LCZs due to smaller SVF and higher shadowing effect. The most intensive heating of 3.0 °C h<sup>-1</sup> was observed in LCZ 8, while the least intensive heating of 2.0  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}\,h^{-1}$  was observed in urban canyons in LCZ 2 during HW. The second heating phase starts at 5-8 h after sunrise and is characterized by smaller LCZ nondependent heating until sunset.

As a consequence of varying *CR* and *HR*, the most intensive nocturnal UHI was observed in LCZ 2, and the most intensive diurnal UHI was observed in LCZ 3. The absolute maximum hourly UHI of approximately 8 °C was observed in LCZs 2 and 3 when compared to LCZ A during the nocturnal period of HW. On seasonal level, the maximum nocturnal (diurnal) UHI of 3.5 °C (1.4 °C) was observed in LCZ 2 (LCZ 3) during summer.

This research provided a better understanding of  $T_a$  dynamics in various built-up neighborhoods of Novi Sad and in a forest outside the city. Methods used in this study can be applied in similar analyses of UHI genesis and dynamics in cities worldwide. The obtained results can contribute to developing the climate-sensitive urban design that could be effective in mitigating UHI effect.

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